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IDEALIST TACKLE RYBAT

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FROM GEN BEVAN

RYBAT

1. IMMEDIATELY AFTER MSN 351-C WAS FLOWN, WE RECEIVED

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FROM YOU TWO REPORTS: THE [ ] PLOTS OF [ ]

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AND THE [ ] READOUT OF THE TRACKER FILM. BOTH OF THESE

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REPORTS SHOWED THAT THE AIRCRAFT REMAINED ON TRACK AND

OUTSIDE THE 25 MILE LIMIT. A FEW DAYS LATER, HOWEVER, [ ]

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INFORMALLY REPORTED TO THE JRC AND OTHERS THAT THE PRE-

LIMINARY ANALYSIS SEEMED THAT THE AIRCRAFT MIGHT HAVE COME

AS CLOSE AS 5 MILES IN ONE INSTANCE AND 15 MILES IN THE SECOND

INSTANCE. SOON THEREAFTER, [ ] ELIMINATED THE 15 MILE

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INSTANCE AS AN INACCURATE PLOT. THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF

CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON FOR ABOUT 24 HOURS BECAUSE ON

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2. THIS LITTLE FLARE UP OCCURRED AFTER BOTH [ ] AND [ ] HAD MADE SEPARATE INQUIRIES ON THE CAUSES OF THE 2 OCT DEVIATION FROM FLIGHT PLAN. IN EACH OF THESE INSTANCES, I FEEL THAT I WAS ABLE TO ADEQUATELY EXPLAIN THE REASON FOR THE 2 OCT ERROR AND THE ACTIONS THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN WITH THE [ ] TO CORRECT THEM. IN BOTH INSTANCES, I WAS ABLE TO RELATE THAT I WAS COMPLETELY CONFIDENT THAT YOU HAD TAKEN EVERY CONCEIVABLE STEP TOWARD ASSURING PROPER AND PRECISE FLYING OF THE TRACKS AND WAS ABLE TO POINT OUT THAT SUBSEQUENT MISSIONS HAD BEEN FLOWN CORRECTLY. AS YOU CAN SEE, OUR CREDIBILITY ON MSN 351-C WAS UP FOR GRABS FOR A FEW HECTIC DAYS.

END OF MSG

DO [ ]  
F.E. [ ]

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